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PYREX Glass Cooking and Serving Utensels are Ideal CHRISTMAS GIFTS

HALL HARDWARE COMPANY

LEASES 50,000 ACRES TO SINK DEEP WELL

"I have just closed up for the lease of fifty thousand acres of land here and will sink a deep well, said E. C. Ryan, of Kansas City, Saturday, before boarding the train for his home.

Mr. Ryan has been here for several days procuring oil leases on land. He went after big fish and did not lose any time with small land holders. Among the acreage leased by the oil promoter is the 25,000 acre Russell ranch, the Her-ring ranch of 5000 acres, the Clayton ranch of 2500 acres, the Spreen ranch of 6000 acres and the Gies-eeke ranch of 1600 acres.

Mr. Ryan is a heavy investor in the Tulsa, Oklahoma, oil fields and recently leased a large acreage in McCulloch county. He seems to have an eye on the acreage east of Ballinger and north of the Colorado river. When queried as to what he thought of the prospects the gentlemen said, "it looks good."

The oil promoter declined to say where he would puncture the earth, but said "drilling to commence within ninety days." There, you have it, his word not our word. Mr. Ryan left Saturday for his home at Kansas City where he will spend Christmas, and says the outfit will come this way soon and the drilling to begin as soon as the machinery is on the ground.

Here's hoping you will make millions old man, and if you do we will try to get in on the ground floor. If you can't do nothing more than give us a Brownwood boom, we will give you credit for being a country saver.

ANGELO IS IN SOME DRY COUNTRY

The little "human interest" story appeared in a Minneapolis, Minn., paper, under recent date, and gives the northern reader an idea of how dry this country is:

San Angelo, Tex.—The extended drouth has driven the coyotes from the cactus and mesquite thickets of the ranges to this city, and instead of killing calves, lambs, sheep and goats on the ranches, they are virtually begging at the back doors for something to eat.

A short time ago a pack of three lean, gray half-starved coyotes appeared in the back yard of one of the sanitariums and set up a poleful howl. After a few moments' chase by several men, the coyotes dropped exhausted in the shade of bushes and were stoned to death. Hundreds of coyotes have been killed at the various watering places in this section during the past few days.

The Christmas Spirit

"Good-will to men"

As Christmas is ushered in this year we are at war—at war to enforce a righteous peace coupled with justice.

We are allied with the cause of right. We are fighting for justice that recognizes the individual rights of man—justice that will forever preclude a repetition of this world disaster.

This is the spirit of America today—it is with our boys "somewhere in France;" with our sailors upon the high seas; with our great national army mobilized in cantonments; with us at home—in our labors, our duties and our sacrifices

May we ever maintain this spirit.

The Winters State Bank

Winters, Texas

PERFECTING PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS TREE

The big municipal Christmas tree will be placed in the court house auditorium Friday, and the piano also placed in the room, and everything made ready for the last rehearsal of the children Friday afternoon after school.

Mrs. Scott H. Maek, chairman of the committee in charge, announced that the program had been devised, and would be furnished The Ledger for publication either Friday or Saturday. So far the work has progressed without a hitch and the big Christmas entertainment promises to be a great success.

It is the desire of the committee to begin the first program at five o'clock. It will be impossible to take care of the large crowd at one time, and it is for this reason that the program will be presented twice. Those who can do so should attend the first entertainment and make it possible for those who can not come until later to get seats. Every one is invited and especially every child in the city.

MOTHER GETS DIVORCE; CHILDREN GETS MOTHER

The usual order of things was reversed in Judge J. O. Woodard's court this week, when at the conclusion of divorce trial in which an elderly woman was granted a divorce, she was placed in the custody of her two children.

The plaintiff had been separated from her husband for ten years or more, and had heard nothing of him. The court decided, therefore, that she was entitled to a legal separation from the faithless husband, and so decreed.

"I suppose you also want the custody of the two children?" the court asked. The children were eighteen and twenty-two, respectively.

"No, indeed, judge," the woman replied. "Just place me in their custody. They have been taking care of me for ten years, and I have no one else on whom to depend."

And it was so ordered by the court.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Carl Woods was in Ballinger a short while Saturday on his way from Camp Bowie to his home in Millersview on furlough.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA CONTINUES

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—Bolsheviki served an ultimatum on Ukrainians today demanding that they cease granting aid to the Cossacks in the Russian rebellion. The Cossacks have gained strength from the Ukrainians in the way of supplies and information.

Odessa, Russia, Dec. 19.—Ukrainian troops and Bolsheviki guards are fighting in the streets here today.

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The Cossacks today reoccupied Rostoff, defeating the Bolsheviki.

London, Dec. 17.—Predominant facts as regards the Russian situation at the moment is the signing of an armistice, which is announced officially at the capitals of all the countries concerned. According to special dispatches from Petrograd, every one there believes that a permanent peace between Russia and the central powers will result. Correspondents in general treat as negligible the undertaking of Germany and her allies not to withdraw troops from the eastern front. A Petrograd dispatch to the Times says large masses of Germans already have been removed and that probably the German command transferred all its purposes to employ elsewhere so that its plans are not likely to be deranged seriously.

Schedule For Mailing Out All Questionnaires Ready

The local exemption board has completed a schedule for mailing out questionnaires to every registrant in this county. The mailing begins tomorrow and will continue on a basis of seven per cent of the entire list until Jan. 28th when the last lot of questionnaires will be mailed. It is up to every registered man to know his number and if he fails to get his blanks through the mail on date corresponding with the mailing he should call on the local board and get the necessary blanks.

Following is the order in which the questionnaires will be mailed out:

Dec. 21	164 to 323.
Dec. 22	324 to 468.
Dec. 23	Sunday.
Dec. 24	469 to 568.
Dec. 25	Christmas.
Dec. 26	569 to 668.
Dec. 27	669 to 768.
Dec. 28	769 to 868.
Dec. 29	869 to 968.
Dec. 30	Sunday.
Dec. 31	969 to 1068.
Jan. 1	Holiday.
Jan. 2	1069 to 1168.
Jan. 3	1169 to 1268.
Jan. 4	1269 to 1368.
Jan. 5	1369 to 1468.
Jan. 6	Sunday.
Jan. 7	1469 to 1568.
Jan. 8	1569 to 1636.

Leading Socialist Arrested For Disloyalty To the Flag

Shortly after Congressman Blanton's patriotic address at Ballinger Wednesday morning, Sheriff Perkins placed under arrest W. R. McDonald, and is being held in jail on charges of disloyalty to his country, and on charges of making statements hostile to the American government.

Patriotic citizens have called the attention of the officers to statements made by McDonald from time to time, and his arrest was the culmination of an investigation which has been under way for some time, and which was perhaps hastened by McDonald's refusal to show his loyalty to the American flag when Congressman Blanton asked all those in his audience who would declare their allegiance to the flag to stand and which was the closing climax of the congressman's speech. Out of four or five hundred men in the audience McDonald was the only man who refused to stand up.

After the large crowd had been dismissed, McDonald was severely criticised for his refusal to show his loyalty to the flag in the sim-

ple way, and it began to look gloomy for McDonald when the sheriff appeared on the scene and carried the man to jail. McDonald made no statement after being placed in jail, but when criticised for showing his disloyalty to the flag he stated that he did not understand the speaker's proposition. Failing to salute the flag may be only a minor charge in the complaints filed against the man, as his free speech in the past has been hostile to the American government and its president.

McDonald has been living in this county for quite a number of years. He has been prominent in politics, figuring conspicuously in the county socialist organization. Just what disposition will be made of the charges against the man remains to be seen, but the loyal citizens of this community have declared that the time has come when there are only two classes of people and no neutrals. A man is either for the government or against it, and those who are against it, must stand the consequences for the stand they take.

BOMBS FROM AIR KILL 10; INJURE 70

London, Dec. 19.—Ten people were killed and seventy injured in a German air raid last night over Kent and Essex and London. Sixteen to twenty machines participated in the raid, bombarding the different points simultaneously. One and possibly two German machines were brought down and the aviators killed.

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—The Rockefeller home in this city was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is estimated at more than one hundred thousand dollars. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Sacramento, Calif. Dec. 18.—An attempt was made to dynamite the governor's mansion and kill Gov. Stephens and wife last night. A charge of explosives was set off in the southwest wall of the mansion. The damage was confined to the exterior of the wall and no one in the building were injured.

If the war continues politics will be robbed of some of its thrills next year. The muck-raker, who starts out to get into office on the other fellow's failures, will not get the hearing of those who are busy whipping the kaiser. The people will think more and talk less, and vote intelligently. They are learning.

GERMAN SOCIALIST OPPOSE PEACE PACT WITH RUSSIA

ENGLISH ATTACKS ARE STOPPED SAYS BERLIN

London, Dec. 17.—One British destroyer and six merchantmen were sunk in a recent encounter with the enemy on the high seas, the admiralty announces today.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The English attacks south of Fontanasecia, on the Italian front, have been broken down, according to official dispatches received here.

Notwithstanding the terrible losses they have sustained the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the mountains region of Northern Italy continue their efforts to break the Italian line and open a passageway to the plains below. In France and Belgium, there is little military activity, except for small engagements by outposts and raiding contingents and artillery duels.

The nearest approach to attacks in force were made by the Germans Saturday night in the Champagne district of France and to the north of the Chemin Des Dames. In both of these the Germans were worsted by the French. A small British maneuver south of Cambrai resulted in the capture of a few German prisoners and a machine gun.

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—Word has reached here from Berlin, that Germany will shortly transmit peace terms to the allied nations through neutrals, and under a pledge of secrecy.

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—Phillips Scheidemann, leader of the German majority socialists, is here conferring with Orlovsky, a Bolsheviki minister, concerning peace between Germany and Russia. The armistice agreement has been signed, the armistice beginning at noon today and lasting until Jan. 14, and unless seven days notice is given, it continues automatically. It extends to the air, land, and naval forces of the common fronts.

Guy Stephenson returned Wednesday from Brownwood, where he had been for several days working in the offices of the West Texas Telephone Company.

Stockholm, Dec. 19.—The socialists of the central powers have come out strong in opposition to separate peace with Russia. They fear such step may so strengthen the German imperialists that Germany's socialism will be wiped out of Germany. The move for separate peace may bring about internal trouble in Germany.

N. Passur has just returned from San Antonio, where he had been visiting for about ten days. His family remained in San Antonio for a while longer, and will return here in two or three weeks. Mr. Passur says that he tried to look up all the Ballinger boys in the army camps there, but as the task was like "looking for a needle in a hay-stack," he did not get to see many of them.

NATIONAL PRO BILL UP TO STATES

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate concurred in the house amendment to the nation wide prohibition resolution today by a rising vote. Forty-seven senators voted for the house amendment and eight against the amendment. The amendment to the resolution as adopted by the house and today concurred in by the senate allows seven years for the states to adopt the amendment instead of six, as provided for in the original resolution.

This places the responsibility of making the nation dry upon the several states. The president's approval is not required and the state legislatures may act as soon as they please after the signatures of the vice president and Speaker Clark have been attached to the resolution.

Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, predicts that the required number of states will adopt the amendment and the nation will soon be made dry.

W. A. Nance 393 NIGHT PHONES Henry Jones 556

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Ballinger, Texas

Waterman's
Ideal
Fountain Pen

FREE HELP FOR FIGURING INCOME

Austin, Texas, Dec. 17.— You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send men out to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue Walker said today, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax forms. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible find it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next

Stop that pain!
Here's quick relief from aches and pains of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains and Strains. No need to rub. It penetrates. 25c. 5c. \$1.00 bottles.

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year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every unmarried person not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year of 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat towns. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will be there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that 'net income' is the remainder after subtracting expenses from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay

tax. "The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

Chamberlain's Tablets.
Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed direction with each bottle.

BALLINGER MAN'S TWO SONS ENLIST

C. C. Cockrell received a letter Monday from his son, Emmett saying that he had volunteered in the army, going in as a field clerk. He is stationed at El Paso. Mr. Cockrell also has another son, Gus, who joined the quarter-master corps a few weeks ago. He is now in the training camp at Jacksonville, Florida, having been sent there within the last few days.

Gustavus Grocery sells Highest Patent flour \$2.75 per sack or \$5.45 per hundred. 11w

PIONEER LADY DIED SUNDAY

Mrs. Mary Tobitha Carpenter, age 68 years, 7 months and 23 days, died at the home of her brother-in-law, W. S. Harmon, at three-twenty o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 16, 1917.

Mrs. Carpenter had been in poor health for a long time, and suffered a great deal with rheumatism. Just two weeks before her death she was taken seriously ill, and for more than a week lingered in an unconscious condition at death's door. Before she became unconscious she told those about her that she was ready to go, and she died as she had lived, a Christian with a faith that was a great comfort to her in a long and lonely life.

This woman was among the first settlers in Ballinger. She came here with her parents when the railroad was making its advent, and what has grown to be a thriving and modern city was a mere village of tents.

In early married life death robbed Mrs. Carpenter of her husband and leaving her with one child, a son. The son grew to manhood and was his mother's only support when that grim reaper again visited her home and took him away, leaving her alone in the world. For almost twenty-five years she has remained here and patiently waited the coming of the time when she could join those who had gone on before.

In her girlhood Mrs. Carpenter joined the Presbyterian church. When she came to Ballinger she brought her membership with her and immediately became a member of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and for more than twenty-five years, while unable to attend its services, she has remained true to her church and lived in conformity with its teachings.

At two-thirty Monday afternoon December, 17, the last sad rites were performed and she remains tenderly laid to rest by the side of her son in the City Cemetery, Rev. E. P. Bates, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. J. H. King, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian church conducting the services.

Mrs. Carpenter is survived by three brothers, George B. Eskridge who is at present at Fort Worth; John A. Eskridge, who is at Houston, Texas, and two sisters, Mrs. C. E. Lott of Greenwood, Mississippi, and Mrs. E. R. Ford of Winona, Mississippi, and quite a number of nieces and nephews.

What is LAX-FOS

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LEAVE FOR AUSTIN.

The commissioners court of this county will be in Austin for two days this week, or for one day at least. All the members, except Commissioner Craft, left Monday afternoon, and are scheduled to appear before the highway commission Tuesday morning and ask for an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars. The gentlemen left Ballinger with full confidence of success. They were fortunate in having a man from the highway department visit Ballinger and make a trip over the roads before putting in their claim for state and federal aid, and the gentlemen stated that he would recommend everything and anything within reason. Commissioners Kirk, Meadows and Smith and Judge Parish will present the county's claim.

Patronize—

Ballinger Saddlery Mfg. Co. the largest leather establishment west of Ft. Worth. Buyers in jobbing quantities, manufacturers of all kinds of leather goods. Shoe work and general repairing. Compare our prices with others. E. J. CATHEY, Mgr.

C. S. Miller returned Saturday from Dallas, where he had been attending the State Bankers Meeting.

J. F. Mansker left Monday afternoon for Victoria, where he goes to spend two or three months with his daughter. Mr. Mansker seeks a milder climate in winter, but the freeze caught him this winter before he got away.

Miss Hicks of Rowena was in Ballinger between trains Saturday.

NAVY ENLISTMENT IS OPEN TO REGISTRANTS

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to the registrants being allowed to volunteer after December 15. For the information of registrants, this board wishes to advise all registrants that the navy department still needs men badly in all the different branches. Any registrant whose order number is far enough down the line that he is not needed to fill the present quota may obtain a certificate to this effect and he will be accepted for enlistment either in the navy or the marine corps. This applies to all registrants in this county whose order numbers are between 490 and 1636, inclusive. Any registrant wishing to enlist in either the marine corps or the navy will be furnished with the proper certificate.

Local Board, Rummels County. IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The Provost Marshal General has notified all local boards that Questionnaires must be mailed to all registrants except deserters and men who have been inducted into the military service by the Local Boards. He especially says that registrants who have volunteered must be sent their Questionnaires regardless of where they are now located. This board, therefore requests, that the relatives and friends of the boys who registered and have volunteered into any branch of the service notify this Board at once their present address so that we may mail the Questionnaires to them, then when they have filled them out and return them to the Board, the Board will class them in deferred class five account being in the Naval or Military service, as the case may be.

NOTICE.

Ladwig and Taylor, dealers in grain, hay, and feed stuffs of all kinds. Phone 63. wtf.

BALLINGER GIRL MARRIED AT CAMP HICKS

Under Fort Worth date line the Dallas News announces the marriage of Miss Eva L. Guthrie, of Ballinger, and E. F. Gibson, of Camp Hicks. Miss Guthrie is the daughter of Mrs. G. G. Carlisle, of this city. Mr. Gibson is a soldier in Camp Hicks. He enlisted in the army from Santa Anna, where Miss Guthrie formerly lived and where the courtship which ended in matrimony began. Miss Guthrie recently went to Fort Worth on a visit, and the news of her marriage came as quite a surprise to her friends in Ballinger, who will join The Ledger in congratulations.

Luke Mangum left Sunday on his return to Ardmore, Okla., after spending a few days here visiting his parents.

I. L. Humphries and family of Rummels have moved to Paint Rock to make their home with us. Mr. Humphries is the new telephone manager and has taken charge, Roy Carter having resigned.—Paint Rock Herald.

THE OLD RELIABLE BLOOD BUILDER

Still retains its supremacy. People still take Hood's Sarsaparilla because it is an old family friend, has proved its merit to three generations—in purified blood, expelled humors, restored appetite, relieved rheumatism, banished tired feelings.

It long ago became recognized as the standard blood purifier and general tonic. It originated in a Boston physician's successful prescription, and comprises medicinal roots, herbs, barks and berries such as are often prescribed for ailments of the blood, stomach, liver and kidneys. Buy it in the same style packages your mother bought it in—same fine appearance, same pleasant taste, same certainty of good results.

CHRISTMAS EVE RED CROSS CERMONY

A striking feature of the great Christmas Drive to be made all over the American nation, will be the displaying of the Red Cross Service Flag in the windows of homes and places of business by those who are keeping the home fires burning.

This part of the program calls for the placing of a Red Cross Service flag in the window, and on Christmas Eve at 7:30 a candle is to be placed behind the flag and kept burning in order that there may be given expression to the universal aspect of the Red Cross.

The local Red Cross chapter are arranging to display a number of these flags in Ballinger. So far they have only received one flag, but expect to receive more, or the material from which to make them. You can assist in this work, and if the Red Cross does not furnish the flags or material, get busy and get the necessary material, and display your colors, show where you stand in the great conflict and what you are doing to help the cause.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine. It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 50c.

WILLIE STEPHENS RECALLED FOR SERVICE

The local board received papers from the district board Thursday recertifying Tax Assessor Willie Stephens for service in the United States army. Mr. Stephens, it will be remembered, was called in the first draft and left here with the second increment of men and spent some time at Camp Travis, when the district board issued papers discharging him, and he returned home, and was reinstated as tax assessor.

Since returning home Mr. Stephens had received other papers confirming the action of the district board in discharging him, and the order coming Thursday recalling him was of course quite a surprise, and it is possible that it was a mistake. Mr. Stephens will return to Camp Travis within the next day or two if it does not develop that the board has made a mistake in recertifying him.

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Let's start an oil boom. Grease up.

One dollar will make you a Red Cross member. Get on the firing line with your cash.

The Municipal Christmas tree is everybody's tree. All the children will have a Santa Claus this year.

In forming our plans for another year, keep in mind that success in community co-operation depends on individual effort.

Yes, it will be a little dull after Christmas—always is, but what's the use making it dull now worrying about it?

This should be a sane Christmas in Ballinger, and would be if Angelo's thirst stations were closed up. Ten dollars per gallon is too much to spend for a drunk.

It is mighty hard for a man to Hooverize when pork sausage peddlers in Ballinger are as thick as candidates at a political picnic. Hoover should fix a limit on sausage.

The government proposes to spend three dollars on public roads in Rummels county, if the citizens will spend one dollar. That proposition should make this county a net work of good roads.

A long letter to the man in army camp will help to cheer him on Christmas. If you haven't a brother or son in the army, write to some other sister's brother, or some mother's son, and tell them the home news. Christmas will be a lonely period for the boys away from home.

We regret to note that we have some "unknown quantities." The woman who is living in ease and luxury, and who declines to help in the struggle that means for the uplift of all womankind, is not deserving the high place democracy has given her in civilization. The true American people have as much contempt for a woman slacker as they have for the man who fails to do his bit.

After a fall's experiment on mixed rations, and after following the chicken man's book instructions for making hens lay, we have decided that hens lay better on paper than they do in the nest. It is our esndid opinion that an old dominecker turned loose on the commons to rustle for herself, will find the egg basket quicker than a dozen of these fancy hens fed on mixed rations you read about in the poultry magazines.

Aside from the waste caused in burning fire works, we must take into consideration that this country is dryer than it was ever known before, all of which means that there is more danger of fire. Every precaution should be used to keep down fire during the holidays. House tops, brush and trash piles are offering easy places for an insignificant spark to start a blaze that would sweep away thousands of dollars of property quicker than it would take to tell the story. Let's discourage fire works, and save them to burn when we whip the kaiser.

THE WOMAN WHO DOES HER BIT.

A sister in the North closes a letter to the editor in these words: "Well, I must close and get to knitting, as I must get this other pair (socks) done by Sunday night. The women up here take their knitting to church. They knit in the cars and in the theatres. A woman without a knitting bag is an unknown quantity here." American mothers are going to win the war.—Cameron Enterprise.

DO YOU WANT THE KAISER'S PICTURE

The stricter rules of the United States Post Office Department are not always lived up to punctil-

iously by employees of the smaller and more remote post offices. Thus when a window clerk in a western city was instructed by his superior to write and hang a notice concerning a certain war advance, this is what he produced: "Don't kick on Postage! Bet ter Pay a Little More than have the Kaiser's Picture on Your Stamps."—Sweetwater Reporter. The loyal American may kick at increased postage and grudgingly pay the cost of the war, but the true American will continue to dig up until his all is gone before he will surrender to the kaiser. What will money be worth to us, if the kaiser wins? That's the question that should cause us to help with our cash, while the young man is helping with both his cash and life.

WACO REDUCES POLICE FORCE.

Waco has reduced her police force from 53 to 38 since prohibition was adopted, making a saving of twelve to fourteen thousand dollars a year on the one item. And that in the face of the fact that her population has been doubled by the location of an army cantonment near the city. Prohibition not only saves money, but of vastly more profit it saves the lives and characters of thousands of human beings.—Abilene Reporter.

And if prohibition is good for the county it is good for the whole state, and if it is good for the state it is good for the whole nation. Here's hoping the states will ratify the action of congress and put over a nation wide dry bill that will make it impossible for San Angelo to get her morning toddy. Let's make the coming generation a sober generation. We will need sober men after the war.

WAS IT A COINCIDENCE?

The burning of big public barns, horses and feed in Brownwood and at Ballinger in the same week is a suspicious circumstance, considering both were fires of unknown origin. The Germans are now attempting their biggest drives on Europe, both by their armies and submarines, and it is not unlikely that they are also attempting just now a supreme effort in the matter of intrigues and destructive plotting in the United States. It is not unlikely that special German spies and agents are now being sent throughout this country in the guise of church missionaries or ministers. Local officers in this county and elsewhere in Texas should be alert to this possibility. As the winter progresses, food and feed is becoming shorter in all allied countries, and the work of the destroyer counts heavily.—Brownwood News.

In times of peace and under normal conditions such an occurrence would have attracted no attention, and would have been considered as a happen-so. But we are looking for such things to take place, because they have proven to be a part of the enemy's way of fighting. It will never be known whether the fires just happened so, or whether the loss was the result of an enemy match. Many people believe that the spy stories are only a hoax, but the finding of a ten pound can of powder recently under a coal tender of a passenger train is sufficient to convince the skeptical that somebody is a little careless with their powder. The fireman discovered the powder as he was about to shovel it into the engine. It is a good time for every American to be a detective and stay on the job.

AMERICAN WITH GERMAN EYE

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 19.—Paul Gary of Anderson, Indiana, is all American, with the exception of a glass eye. The substitute optic is alien. Gary tried to enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps at their recruiting station here, but was rejected when his infirmity was discovered by Sergeant G. C. Wright. "Didn't you know that the loss of an eye would prevent your enlisting?" asked the sergeant. "I thought it might," explained Gary, "but this glass blinker is the only part of me that was made in Germany, and I want to take it back." He was advised to mail it.

25c can K. C. Baking Powder, 2 for 45c. Gustavus Grocery, 21-2tw.

PRAYERS ON THE NILE.
 (Note:—Readers will remember that there is a band of Armenian refugees at Cairo, on the Nile).
 In the land of the ancient Thothmes,
 When Vesper ends the day,
 A band of exiles saved from death—
 Orphans, widows kneel to pray.

Under the palms in the evening,
 What do the children say?
 Curse the brutes that took their homes?
 For vengeance do they pray.

No. The Nile might hear the whisper
 Of orphans prayers to God—
 Prayers for an unknown people;
 A land they never trod.

"God bless the land that sends us food
 Across the western sea,
 God bless their flag, and bless their homes,
 O, happy may they be!"

Often in vain have ascended,
 Eloquent, earnest prayers—
 Prayers of the wise and the prudent,
 And nobler drest than theirs.

But somehow I think the Master,
 Who loved the children's smile;
 Somehow I think Jehovah
 Will hear the prayers on the Nile.
 —Ulmer Bird.

I'M GOING TO THE WAR.

I am going to join the colors,
 And fight for Uncle Sam;
 To whip old Ho-hen-zollen,
 That naughty scamp, I am.

I'll join the aviators,
 And quickly learn to fly,
 Then take by plane to the battle front
 And drop bombs from the sky.

I'll make the kaiser Billie
 Just think a thing or two,
 And wish he had not bothered
 Our own Red, White and Blue.

To lay I saw my Sweetheart,
 The tear was in her eye,
 So tenderly she says to me,
 'Tis sad to say good-bye,
 But ever think of you;
 How glad I am to have a boat
 That loves his country too.
 —Phos. S. Thompson,
 Puckett School.

PHYSICIAN ADVISES BALLINGER PEOPLE

"My wife suffered for years with stomach trouble which did not yield to any treatment. She took a dose of Mayr's Wonderful Remedy last Saturday with wonderful results. I have practiced medicine for 20 years and have never seen anything like it before. I have recommended Mayr's Wonderful Remedy to several that I know need this treatment. It is a simple harmless preparation that removes the catarrhal mucus from the intestinal tract, and allays the inflammation which causes practically all stomach, liver and intestinal ailments, including appendicitis. One dose will convince or money refunded. Jno. A. Weeks, Druggist.

HAS GOOD TIME VISITING HIS KIN FOLKS

W. L. Allen and family, of Glen Cove, passed through Ballinger Tuesday en route home from a visit to relatives on the border. Mr. Allen and family were traveling in an auto, and had their car decorated with bob cat, coyote, badger, and other pelts, and a big buck tied on each side of the car, all of which he says represented the good time he had visiting his kin folks. The game were killed just over the border line from Webb county, near Laredo. Mr. Allen said all kinds of game were plentiful where he hunted.

WILL REBUILD MULE AND HORSE BARN

Street & Middleton have announced that they will replace the feed and sales barn recently destroyed by fire. "We got cleaned up," said Will Street, "but still have a pretty good credit and will continue to buy and sell horses, and do what we can to help Uncle Sam lick the kaiser." The large pile of bran and shorts left in the ruins of the fire are being disposed of to various parties at a very low price. While the feed is wet and damaged, it makes good hog feed if fed before it begins to sour. The big stack of burning hay is also being scattered and that which will do for cattle feed is being hauled out.

THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY HELPED

Tanlac Proves Revelation to Booth Family—Wife Gains 18 Pounds.

"When my wife first started on Tanlac she weighed only ninety-five pounds and when she finished her third bottle she tipped the beam at one hundred and thirteen," said F. L. Booth of 201 Furnish Avenue, San Antonio and, while remarkable, it is only one of many hundreds of wonderful endorsements that have been published in connection with the "Master Medicine." "For six years," he continued, "my wife was in a general run-down condition and had no appetite. She couldn't eat meats and many other things and the gas on her stomach made her heart flutter and it seemed like at times she would almost smother to death. She was constipated all the time, had awful headaches and backache. She lost weight and got so weak and nervous she could hardly sleep. "I bought Tanlac for her because I read and heard so much about it and I'll tell anybody it's good medicine, and I don't believe there's anything can come up to it. When my wife finished her third bottle she could eat anything without it hurting her and slept every night like a log. Her headaches, nervousness and backache were all gone and she had actually gained eighteen pounds. I have two little girls, eleven and fourteen years old, who took Tanlac, too and they just want to eat up everything. I can't begin to tell how much Tanlac has been worth to my family and I believe there are lots of other people here who could get relief if they would only give Tanlac a fair trial." Tanlac is sold in Ballinger by Weeks' Drug Store, in Winters by Owens Drug Store, in Miles by Jno. W. Crawford, in Rowena by Shiller's Pharmacy, in Wingate by R. E. Finley & Co., and in Token by J. W. Bright.

ADULTERATED BOOZE SHIPPED TO ANGELO

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 13.—A test criminal information under the federal pure food and drugs act was filed in the United States district court here Thursday by Assistant United States District Attorney James R. Clark, against the "Old 76" Distilling Company, Newport, Ky., and Cincinnati. The information contains two counts and charges adulteration and misbranding of a keg of "peach brandy" shipped by the company from Cincinnati to San Angelo, Texas last March. It is averred the brandy was adulterated by the use of neutral spirits. The charges are said to be initial attacks upon the extensive shipping of adulterated liquors from various Kentucky and local liquor houses into the state of Texas. It is claimed that thousands of gallons of bogus liquors have been shipped annually.

TRAIN STOPS TO RESCUE AUTO VICTIMS

Mr and Mrs. J. C. Snow of 35 West Twentieth street had a narrow escape from serious injury late Saturday when their automobile overturned on the dirt road paralleling the Santa Fe track three miles west of Miles. They were returning home from Brownwood and with night coming on were anxious to reach the city. The car went into a ditch when it struck a stretch of soft road, turning first on its side and then completely over, pinning its occupants beneath. Westbound passenger train No. 77, running almost three hours late, was passing at the time and backed up to the scene of the accident. "I wish to thank the train crew for their prompt assistance," said Mr. Snow last night. "Neither my wife or I was hurt in the least, but the train stopped and its crew helped us right the machine." A broken windshield was about the only damage sustained by the car, and Mr. and Mrs. Snow drove to the city after their narrow escape.

TEN THOUSAND STENOGRAPHERS WANTED
 at Washington at entrance salaries of \$1,000 to \$1,200 and there is an underecited shortage of private stenographers and secretaries. A scholarship with books, only \$42.00, would make a substantial Christmas gift. San Angelo Business College.

First Day in Red Cross Drive Nets 115 Members



Dallas, Texas, Dec. 17. Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Red Cross, Ballinger.

We know and appreciate the difficulties and troubles which you have had to encounter and under the circumstances the number of members you have turned in is most creditable. It is only by the most earnest efforts that we can hope to succeed, and if Rummels county does her best we need feel no doubt as to the ultimate success of your efforts. Hugh E. Prather, Member Southwestern Division com.

The above telegram came Tuesday morning in response to the daily report made by Mrs. Stephens in the great Red Cross Christmas drive for new members. Mrs. Stephens telegraphed 115 new members to headquarters Monday night. Of this number fifty came from Winters, where a strong

committee of workers is attempting to send in 1000 members from that place alone. If every community in the county gets up and works like the Winters people, the county will come over the top with its full quota of Red Cross members.

Monday was the first day of the drive and the committee had to perfect its organization and get down to work. Greater results are expected as the campaign advances and before the close Saturday night. Daily reports will be made from every community in the county, and the total gain wired in to division headquarters daily.


A Good Time to Renew.

The Red Cross was inaugurated in this county last summer, and while those who joined have several months in which to renew their membership by paying their annual dues, the committee in charge of the Christmas Drive are accepting renewals now. It is a good time to pay your dues for another year, even though you were a charter member of the local chapter. This would help the committee to make a good showing and give the Red Cross the cash while it is so badly needed to get the Red Cross organized in our army at home and on the battle front.

The Sign of the Red Cross



Millions and millions of stricken people in devastated Europe must depend on the activity of the Red Cross alone for the most meager necessities of life—just enough to keep body and soul together. The Red Cross organization is the universal helping hand. But in order to extend this hand to the sorrowing and afflicted, it must have your support. In fact, if you would do your part to relieve the suffering in the world, you can do it most directly and efficiently through the Red Cross. Become a member today.

For Cleaning, Pressing and Repairing---Phone 97  **Auto Delivery**

LIEUT. PEARCE LEAVES FOR CAMP

Lieut. Francis M. Pearce left over the A. & S. Thursday morning for Little Rock, Ark. He leaves Ballinger under orders to report for duty at Fort Logan II. Root. This camp is about seven miles from Little Rock.

Lieut. Pearce will be assigned to a company, it is expected, at Fort Root, but just how long he will be stationed at this place is not known, as the government is moving troops fast, and daily changes may assign him to some other point, or even carry him to France at an early date.

Frank is a Ballinger boy. He made first lieutenantcy at Leon Springs in a few weeks training and promotion to captaincy within a short time would bring no surprise to his Ballinger friends, for he is thoroughly competent to advance and experience is sure to bring him success on the firing line for this government.

The young man went in as a volunteer. He is the only son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, and no young man in this city was facing a more promising career in private life than he when he gave up all and answered his country's call. When he became twenty-one years old, and only a few months before he volunteered, his father took him in as a partner in the drug business, presenting him with property and cash to the amount of more than ten thousand dollars, and Frank goes to war leaving behind a successful business.

During the summer Lieut. Pearce visited South Dakota and brought home with him one of the most prominent young ladies, and a member of one of the wealthiest families in Rapid City, South Dakota. During his stay at Leon Springs, his wife spent the time in San Antonio, and she accompanied her husband to Little Rock Thursday.

WORDS FROM HOME.

Statements That May Be Investigated. Testimony of Ballinger Citizen.

When a Ballinger citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Ballinger resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

H. G. Oetken, farmer, R. F. D. No. 3, Ballinger, says: "My kidneys were inactive. I had dull pains in the small of my back, often so bad that I could hardly stoop. Headaches and dizzy spells also annoyed me and I had other symptoms of kidney complaint. I got Doan's Kidney Pills from the Walker Drug Co., and they proved to be just what I needed and soon had me in good shape." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Oetken had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

GOING BACK IN BUSINESS JAN. 1

"Mrs. Wood and I are going to open up a grocery store again," said W. B. Wood Tuesday, "and we expect to be ready for business by January 1st."

Mr. Wood stated that he had rented the lower story of the Harrison building on Eighth Street and would begin at once getting things ready to again engage in the grocery business. He announces that he will put a new stock, complete, out and out in every line, carrying a full line of staple and fancy groceries and high grade fruits.

"We expect to make it the interest of the people to trade with us," said Mr. Wood, "because we will do no credit business and suffer no losses, and we will not run a delivery wagon. We will make it to the interest of those who buy in large quantities to trade with us, and where quantity justifies it we will deliver the goods."

In re-opening his business Mr. Wood invites all his old customers and friends to remember him when they want the best to be had in new fresh groceries at the lowest possible price. 18-d&w2t

AMERICAN WOMEN OPERATE RED CROSS CANTEENS ABROAD

CARE OF U. S. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ORGANIZATION'S FIRST AND SUPREME OBJECT.

MEAL COSTS ONLY 13 CENTS

Shower Baths, Barbers, Movie Theater—Everything Free Except Food—Work Near the Firing Line.

First and supreme in the work of the American Red Cross, which will launch a Christmas membership drive for 2,000,000 more members in the Southwest Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, is the care of Uncle Sam's own army and navy.

The safety, health and comfort of the men who are fighting the country's battles 3,000 miles from home will at all times be the prime object of the organization's attention.

When French army officers were asked what the American Red Cross could best do to hearten the army and give the soldiers a concrete token of American co-operation they said: "Give us canteens and rest stations."

The Red Cross is accordingly establishing canteens at 11 important railway stations in France for the special use of soldiers on leave, who are constantly passing on their way to and from the front. The woman's bureau undertook to recruit 100 women to serve in canteens and rest rooms in France. Only women of robust health, between the ages of 30 and 50, were considered, and applicants were required to show that they had worked for the American Red Cross or in regular occupations requiring a high order of service and a capacity for self-sacrifice. Fifty-two of these women already are in France.

Serves 2,000 Troops Daily.

The first of these canteens was opened in September and began immediately to serve large numbers of French soldiers and some American troops. It has been used by an average of 2,000 men daily. The first visitors were a troop of chasseurs who had been instructing the American troops, and on the same evening a large number of American engineers, leaving by train at 1 o'clock in the morning, were given a warm welcome.

There are 18 women who serve day and night. The menu includes soup, bread, meat, vegetables, salads, cheese, eggs, coffee, chocolate and tea.

Arrangements for announcing the departure of trains have enabled between 300 and 400 men to catch a few hours of much-needed rest in comfortable, clean quarters, without fear of missing their trains. Six hundred men can be so accommodated. Showers and wash basins also are provided.

Everything Free Except Food.

The picture presented by such a canteen when it is filled with soldiers is described in a cable from Junius B. Wood, American war correspondent, in part as follows:

Back of a long porcelain-tiled counter American women in white caps and aprons were pouring coffee, making soup and handing out sandwiches as fast as their arms could work. In front was an unending line of soldiers, American and French, with boxes of soap or coffee in one hand and sandwiches, sausages and tobacco in the other, making their way gingerly through the crowd from the counter to seats at the tables in the big room.

This canteen seats 60 an hour in the dining-room, which is capable of handling 3,000 guests daily. There are twenty-one shower baths, a barber shop, a clothes sterilizer and homopropyl nozzle theater. All is free except the food, for which there is a nominal charge. On the other side of the railroad tracks a garden has been laid out where, in addition, the French Government dispenses wine to its own troops. While waiting for trains the soldiers relax and rest. Everything is sold at cost, no allowance being made for the big overhead expenses. In addition, much is distributed free. A bowl of onion-flavored green hot water, costs 3 cents, and other things are sold at proportionately low prices. Soup and coffee are both served in bowls.

There are no spoons, cups, knives or forks for these never return. For 13 cents one gets a dinner consisting of soup, beef or lamb, vegetable salad, cheese, pudding or fruit, coffee, chocolate or nougat. Tea is brewed especially for passing British troops.

Near the firing line the American Red Cross is establishing field canteens. Extending the work already begun by a branch of the French Red Cross, it will provide one of these canteens for every corps of the French army and later for the American army as well.

A field kitchen is maintained there from which the refreshing drinks are distributed along the front by wagon and light motor trucks. Four thousand portions—coffee, tea, cocoa, bouillon, lemonade, etc.—are sometimes served from one canteen in a single day.

15,000 NURSES ENROLLED FOR RED CROSS DUTIES

Fifteen thousand nurses already have been enrolled by the American Red Cross, many of whom have volunteered for war service, according to statement made public at Red Cross headquarters.

About 2,000 already have been sent to Europe. It is estimated that the present registered force is sufficient to care for any army of a million and a half, and approximately 1,000 nurses are being added monthly.

Keep Christmas, 1917, by keeping up the Red Cross.

EWING TAYLOR NOW WITH TEXAS BOYS

France, Nov. 27, 1917.

Dear Papa:

How are you all by this time? I have moved again and now am at another school of instruction. I am in a machine gun school for five weeks training. I wish that I could have stayed with my company. You can send my mail to the old address, and I will get it from there. That is First Machine Gun Co. 18th Reg.

Winter has set in right and it is now both cold and wet. We wear hip rubber boots most of the time and I sleep under seven blankets. The ground is a sea of mud, but then I expected it to be this way, and if one has good clothes it does not hurt him. I have both rubber and leather boots.

Since I came here I have met several Texas fellows. My friend Davis had just left before I came. Lieut. Ware from San Angelo is here. Also Lieut. Hale from Anson, Texas. He knows Shirley Shields.

Well, I guess you know by now that this is no ordinary war, and that I did best by getting and getting my commission. I took out \$10,000 government insurance last week. I have not received but one letter from you so far. I am not so far away from where my company is. Guess day after tomorrow you will have a good dinner. I hope the entire family has a Merry Christmas.

Your son,
EWING.

FOR SALE—CHEAP.

An Iron Safe that cost \$62.50 one year ago delivered in Ballinger, would cost \$75.00 now. This safe is offered for one-half price, \$31.25 is taken at once. It is suitable for office or store—a chance to save money and get a good safe at half price. Call on or phone me,

C. P. Shepherd,
Res. Phone 161, office Phone 60.
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O. U. HOOVER.

My Tuesdays are meatless,
My Wednesdays are wheatless,
I am getting more eat-less each day.

My home it is heatless,
My bed is sheetless,
They're all sent to the Y.M.C.A.
The barrooms are treat-less,
My coffee is sweet-less,
Each day I get poorer and wiser.
My stockings are feetless,
My trousers are seatless,
Oh my, but I do hate the Kaiser.
—W. M. C.

FRENCH CHILDREN SAVED BY RED CROSS IN FRANCE

How the Red Cross carries on its humanitarian work in France is illustrated in a cablegram received a day or two ago from that country.

At Evian the Red Cross opened a children's dispensary in the garage of an old hotel. It is known as the American Children's Hospital. Ten days before a general hospital was opened at Evian with 70 beds. It is already overcrowded with cases of diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough. American doctors twice daily examine an average of 250 children arriving from behind the German lines and send contagious cases to the American hospital.

Every contagious case thus stopped may mean that an epidemic will have been prevented somewhere in France.

An American dentist opened a dental dispensary in an old hotel at Evian, using a chair improvised from wine barrels. His first patient was an underbred boy from Lons. The boy's family of seven had been living two years and a half in the cellar of their home, which had been wrecked by the Germans.

Children as Red Cross Workers.

Children in the public schools throughout the country are to help the cause of the Red Cross. Many of the simple articles and supplies needed in the hospitals will be made in the ordinary course of their school work, and this material contribution to the comfort of our soldiers will be of great importance.

Right now—today—is the time to help. Have YOU joined the Red Cross?

Holiday Cards for Late Shoppers.

The engravers have notified us not to accept any more orders for engraved Christmas Cards, but we have just received a nice line of plain and fancy cards for the late Holiday shoppers, and can print these up in any quantity with any wording. Drop in and see them. The Ballinger Printing Company.



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When at last you need a new battery, we have the finest and sturdiest one ever built—the "Still Better Willard," with Threaded Rubber Insulation. It costs a little more, but it's a mighty good investment.

Willard Service Station

W. D. Hiddleston

Successor to Dan R. Predmore who has enlisted.

We have a rental battery for your use if yours needs repairs.



THE UNDRAFTED ARMY

To the civilian American who feels a keen desire to be represented as directly as possible in his country's service the Red Cross brings an appeal of peculiar force. For the Red Cross worker comes into the closest contact with the actual struggle that is possible to any save the soldier himself. On the heels of death and destruction he presses so closely in his mission of mercy as to be almost a part of the battle. His are the hands that first minister to the shattered body; his the ears that hear the last faint message of many a parting soul. Through the further help of these brothers and sisters of the Novitiate of Pain, life after life is drawn back from the borderland; cleanliness and comfort and trained care lessen the anguish, or, when death must be, makes easier the passing. To our boys when they land on foreign soil the hand of greeting is held out; as they travel from place to place comforts are provided. The scared and broken remnant of a people scourged by a ruthless devastation—the aged and the women and the piteously helpless children to whom our longing sympathy goes out, the Red Cross ministers to these in our stead.

In all this and measureless other service these workers are a vital and omnipresent force. We who are left at home may work by proxy through them. We can keep them there and send others, with our money, the least precious possession that men and women are being called on to give up. Our dollars can take us there in spirit and represent us in accomplishment. The little red button is the badge of enlistment in the Army of the Undrafted; the outward symbol of the pledge to serve.

Won't you join the Red Cross during the Christmas membership drive, which begins Dec. 17? Or, better still, send in your \$1 for membership now and then enlist as a solicitor for other memberships in the Christmas drive. It is your duty to do this, and it is a God-given privilege. Humanity is calling, and if you are human you will respond. Act now!

\$15,000 Fire at Brownwood Burns Eight Horses to Death

Brownwood, Texas, Dec. 13 — A midnight fire here last night destroyed the building occupied by the Armstrong Transfer Co., causing a loss of about \$15,000.

The building was owned by Mrs. L. A. Armstrong, and valued at \$5,000. J. T. McDonald owned the transfer equipment and his loss consist of three buses, five carriages, harness three horses, feed, etc. Loss about \$8,000.

The Wells Fargo Express Co. were using part of the building for keeping their horses in, and five big horses owned by the express company, were cremated in

the fire, and two wagons, harness, quantity of feed, were burned, causing a loss to the express company about \$2600.

C. M. Carpenter, a traveling man, lost two sample trunks valued at \$500.

Part of the property destroyed was insured.

The origin of the fire is unknown. The fire broke out in the rear of the barn, and the entire building was enveloped in flame when the fire was discovered. The man in charge of the barn, and who was asleep in the office, came near losing his life before he could escape.

BIG DEMAND FOR FARM DEMONSTRATORS

Never in the history of agricultural industry of this county was the demand so great for the aid of a farm demonstrator than it is at the present time, and has been for the past two or three months. Demonstrator Eaton reports that he has more calls than he can possibly handle at one time, and he is taking them in the order that they come.

Mr. Eaton is going from early morning until late at night, and can only be found in his office a short time on Saturdays. Farmers have profited by the past experience and are losing no time in preparing to conserve the rain fall when the good season does come this way. Mr. Eaton reports that he has terraced more than forty farms recently, and is being called from different points in the county to help the farmers lay out their terrace work. He is working as rapidly as he can and says that he will get to every one who is calling on him just as fast as his jitney will travel and as fast as he can do the work.

The government has at last succeeded in getting the farm demonstration work well under way in Central West Texas. Practically

every county in this section of the state is now maintaining the work. Tom Green, Taylor, Coleman all have the work well in hand and Brownwood recently reinstated the work after suspending it for more than a year.

The federal and state government realize fully the conditions that exist throughout this section and also realize that if farm demonstration work counts for anything it will be needed worse during the next twelve months than ever before, and an effort will be made to keep the work going.

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Christmas Drive For Red Cross Members On

Mrs. R. L. Harwell, chairman of the Red Cross membership committee, made a clean sweep of one of Ballinger's business houses Monday morning when every member of the Higginbotham Bros. & Co. store signed up and became members of the Red Cross in the big Christmas drive. Every man and woman in the store from the manager to the porter, put up the one dollar necessary to become members of the Red Cross.

Joining the Red Cross is a simple ceremony. All that is necessary is to hand in the dollar. There are no further obligations, and there is no limit on age, either up or down. Every man, woman and child can join and if you have more than one dollar to contribute you can become a \$2 member, a \$5 member, \$50 member or \$100 member.

The drive is on and every effort will be made to double the membership in this county. The committee went to Hatchel Saturday and procured fourteen members in a little while. Mrs. C. R. Stephens, president of the local chapter, will wire in daily reports, and it is up to the citizens of this city to make her reports good ones.

The local Red Cross Chapter is in receipt of a check for \$50.25

Croup?

Have this effective remedy at hand for croupy children. It's thankful relief. Pleasant to take. Mildly laxative. Sold by all druggists.

Dr. King's Discovery for Coughs & Colds

Constitution Causes Sickness. Don't permit yourself to become constipated, as your system immediately begins to absorb poison from the backed-up waste matter. Use Dr. King's New Life Pills and keep well. There is no better safeguard against illness. Try it tonight, 25c. All druggists.

from the Davis school. This amount represents the proceeds from a box supper given by the citizens of the Davis school communities. The check came as quite a surprise and a pleasant one to the chapter, and shows that the citizens of the Davis school community have the war spirit of the do-your-bit kind. The officers of the chapter appreciate the help and thank the contributors most sincerely.

A committee of ladies from Norton were here Thursday and delivered to the Red Cross Chapter 36 comforts. These were packed for shipment and immediately forwarded to Camp Bowie. This work speaks well for the Norton people and is fully appreciated by the officers of the chapter.

Big Demand for Surgical Dressings

The local Red Cross Chapter is in receipt of a letter from Miss Katherine Burlingame, chairman Standards Committee American Red Cross Bureau of Supplies, acknowledging the receipt of a shipment of surgical dressings sent to headquarters by the local chapter some time ago. Here is what the letter says, read it and then get busy:

We are in receipt of your box of surgical dressings shipped to us December 1st, and have examined it for overseas shipment. We found your work extremely well done, in fact without fault. Our only request is, that you send us larger amounts. We are in great need of surgical supplies, and such accurate work as yours is always in demand. Please speed your output and ship us as much as you possibly can.

We thank you for your interest and cooperation in the Red Cross.

Pete and Jack McGregor left Saturday afternoon for Marlin, where they will recuperate. We regret to note that Pete McGregor has been suffering with rheumatism for some time. He will probably spend several weeks in Marlin, while Jack McGregor will return home in a few days.

HOW BALLINGER TREATS HER BOYS

Camp Travis, Tex., Dec. 11.

Dear Mrs. Guion:

I received the sweater yesterday and I sure can use it; it is just the right color and fits me fine. I surely do appreciate it.

You Ballinger people are better to your home boys than any of the other people are. There has been more packages and nice things sent to the four Ballinger boys in this battalion than any twenty of the other boys combined.

I transferred to the Medical Corps yesterday as sergeant, subject to examination for first class sergeant. I held my first retreat this afternoon. It wasn't much trouble as there are only fourteen in the medical detachment to this battalion.

Archie Crews and Claud Stone were out here today and seem to have come to stay as they have enlisted in the aviation. Claud will have to lose several pounds before he can qualify as a flier, but he will do that quickly.

Our original "bunch" has scattered in every direction. Frank Cameron is in New Jersey, James Skinner is in the School for Mess sergeants over in the infantry. Gene Kipp and Elmer Allison are both accepted in the flying school of the aviation, while I have, as I said, gone to the medical corps. That leaves Roy Reeder, alone in signal battalion.

I heard a great deal of Ballinger being "dead." When the war is over and all of we boys in the army get our liberty bonds cashed, we will come back and there will be more life than ever before in the old town.

We get the best of treatment here and no one I know, is dissatisfied. We have good quarters, food, clothes and more than all, good officers.

"I hear 'tattoo' blowing so must close and I want to thank you once more for the gift. If I ever get to go over the top I will wear it.

Yours sincerely,
K. V. Northington.

WHAT IT TAKES TO MAKE A WAR FLYER

Mrs. J. H. Kipp is in receipt of a letter from her son, Eugene, written from Fort Sam Houston. Eugene has just been accepted as a flyer, and writes his mother of the examination he passed before he was accepted. Here's what it takes to make a flyer:

I am going to write you the details of the examination so you will have some idea of what we went through. After we succeeded in passing the mental examination, we were notified to report to the Robt. Green Memorial Hospital, Friday at 7 a. m. As soon as we arrived, we were stripped and they painted our number on us with iodine, and lined us up to give us the "once over." Then we went in a room one at a time and had our height and chest measured and our blood pressure taken. From there we went in another room to have our ears, throat, teeth and heart examined. The test of the ears was not hearing, but to see if we had any trouble with our ear drums, and to see if they could stand high altitude. The heart examination was a very close one, and judging from the time they took on each man, they were anxious to find some little thing wrong. After these tests we were passed on to a room to be examined for color blindness. They would show you a certain color and then tell you to punch every shade of that color off a board, that seem to have the colors of the rainbow multiplied by about 100. You not only had to get every shade, but you had to do it in a hurry. In this same room we had our eyes examined. First we had to read line No. 2 (No. 3 is what is used for the regular army exam.) and our eyes had to test 20-20, or perfect in this. We were then told to read some very fine print four inches away. This, and all other eye tests had to be 20-20 too. After we read this the doctor would make us look him in the eye, and then he would hold up one, two, or three fingers out to one side, and we had to tell him how many he had up. When all applicants had gone through this much, we were lined up and put through a stiff sitting up drill and then our hearts were tested again. While we were in this formation we had to do a lot of "stunts" such as walking in a straight line, with our eyes shut (both forward and backward) ballancing on one foot with eyes shut, and a number of other such things. After all this we were allowed to dress and take an hour and a half for lunch, but we were advised to eat lightly as the chair ride was still coming to us.

When we got back that was the first thing they gave us. They first made us sit in the chair and then they whirled us around until it felt like the chair was upside-down. It was suddenly stopped and he said "look out of the window." He would then time you with a stop watch to see how long it took you to "come to." This was tried with each eye in both directions. He then told the victim to put his hands on his knees and then lay his head on his hands. When the doctor got his man in this position he began his twirling and this made the first few rides tame. After he thought you were thoroughly done for, he would have you sit up and lay your finger on his, and then shut your eyes and put it back there. This is a few of the ways he tried you in the revolving chair, but it would take too much time to tell all of them. These rides made some of the boys lose that "light lunch," and made most of them wish they hadn't sampled that steak.

In this same room we had our ears tested for hearing. He would blindfold the man and use watches in every manner to fool him if possible, but you had to make a correct guess everytime to be accepted.

The last thing they did was dilate the pupil of our eyes and examine them for organic or nerve trouble, and then we all waited for the final verdict. Maybe you think this suspense wasn't as bad as the "chair."

Out of the thirty men that took the examination, only eight were accepted, and believe me, those eight were happy soldiers. One of the rejected ones, looked as if he was going to cry. There was one fellow among them that I knew at the University. He had taken his B. A. degree and low degree, but when it came to this kind of exam. he fell down on his heart and blood pressure.

I expect to be moved tomorrow

or the next day to Kelly Field. I am anxious to get at the work. I heard Claude Stone and Archie Crews enlisted in the aviation.

STUART WINS IN NAVY TRACK MEET

Frank Stuart is in receipt of an interesting letter from his son Artek, who is doing service for his Uncle Sam on the Receiving Ship at New York.

Artek has just pulled down first honors in the navy track meet held under the direction of the Y. M. C. A., and in telling his father about it in the letter he says:

"I was in a track meet last Thursday afternoon, and won individual honors. There were five events, consisting of high jump, shot put, 220 yards dash, broad jump and 75 yard dash. I won first place in all of them. First place counted five points, so I scored with 25 points, with the meet with a majority of about 12 points. They gave me a gold medal for first place, a silver and bronze medal were given for second and third place."

The letter also says, "I am sending a menu of the Thanksgiving dinner we had last Thursday. It was some feast and I helped to fix it." Following is the menu:

- Celery Olives Pickles
- Cream of Celery Soup
- Creamed Ynhaven Oysters
- Smoke Beef Tongue, Glace
- Ne Spinach
- Roast Vermont Turkey
- Oyster Stuffing—Giblet Sauce
- Cranberry Jelly
- Potatoes Au Gratin.
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Sweet Cider
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Pound Cake
- Assorted Nuts American Cheese
- Coffee

The menu is a handsome piece of printer's art. The cover is made up of a large turkey printed in colors, with the name of the ship and the date, and the first page of the menu carries the musical program, while the back page shows the picture of the captain in charge of the vessel. We can not wonder at the boys gaining weight when we get a glimpse of the bill or fare.

How to Prevent Croup.

In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

Make It A Red Cross Christmas.

Among those who realize from European experience the war started the urgent need of virtually universal Red Cross membership in this country is Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton, formerly Minister to the Netherlands. Dr. Van Dyke makes this appeal under the caption: "A Red Cross Christmas to Those Who Feel Poor."

"I write as a brother.

"We are a large family.

"This world war Made in Germany against which we are fighting has sent our incomes down and our expenses up.

"The pinch hurts, but it is not going to kill us.

"We still have enough and something to spare.

"Though we feel poor don't let us feel impoverished by selfish fear.

"Let us save in food, in service, in clothes, in luxuries, but not in money.

"Let us use that by giving it to save the wounded, the suffering, our friends, our country.

"Let us keep Christmas this year by keeping up the Red Cross.

"Then it will not be a poor Christmas, but a rich Christmas to our hearts."

Mrs. J. Pechaek of this city and Miss Baron of Rowena left Monday afternoon for points in east Texas, where they will visit a while. They will also visit Mr. Pechaek in Marlin.

Father Goldbach went to Brownwood Monday, on church business.

T. L. Eubanks of the Winters country, is visiting his brother E. M. Eubanks.

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NOT TO USE CANDLES IN RED CROSS SERVICE

The Ballinger Red Cross Chapter has been notified to change its plan for display Red Cross Service Flags on Christmas Eve. The original plan was to place a lighted candle behind a Red Cross flag in the window of your home on Christmas Eve night, but on account of danger of fire from such a plan, The National Red Cross officers have sent out a notice asking that the flags be displayed from the windows by keeping the room well lighted. The following statement tells the whole story of the change:

"The plan of the National Red Cross in the beginning was to have a lighted candle placed behind each service flag on Christmas Eve, but the insurance companies have raised objection that this would increase the fire risk materially. So we are requesting that instead of using lighted candles behind the paper service flags the people will leave their shades up and have the room well lighted. The flags are transparent and will show through very nicely in this way.

"And when you turn on your lights at 7 o'clock on Christmas Eve, remember that in fifteen million homes all over the United States this same custom is being observed. And that over in the trenches at that hour many, many boys' hearts are being made glad when the cable is received that 15,000,000 American people are behind the 'men behind the guns.'"

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THROWS ACID IN SON'S FACE WHEN CONSCRIPTED

Two Harbors, Minn., Dec. 17.— Allegedly to prevent her son being accepted into the draft army, Mrs. Charles Magnuson of this city, today, according to the police, threw acid into the face of her son, Arthur, while he lay asleep at the house. He was rushed to a hospital and it was learned there that he will not lose his sight. The only thing that saved his sight, physicians say, is that he was sleeping, and had his eyes closed. Magnuson was to leave today with the drafted boys from Lake county. Constant brooding over the fact that her son was drafted is believed to have affected the mother's mind. She collapsed and has been confined to her bed since.

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Investigate This Place

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Ballinger, Texas

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Mrs. L. A. Patterson, 1399 Kentucky St., Memphis, Tennessee, writes:

"I have been a friend of Peruna for many years. I have used it off and on for catarrhal complaints and found it a very excellent remedy. I have a small family of children. Times are hard with us, but I can scarcely afford to do without Peruna, especially during the season of the year when coughs and colds are prevalent. We always recommend Peruna to our neighbors, for the benefit it has been to us."

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ROAD BUILDERS ARE GOING AFTER CASH

County Judge Parish, Commissioners W. D. Meadows, J. D. Smith and R. P. Kirk will leave Ballinger next Tuesday for Austin, where they go on one of the most important missions ever entrusted to a committee of men from this county.

It will be remembered that Mr. Odle, a member of the state highway commission visited this county a few days ago, and inspected the public roads. He congratulated the commissioners on the start they had made towards road building, and stated that they were taking the proper steps, complying with the highway law requirements before asking for aid from the federal and state government. Mr. Odle stated that the commission would put up three dollars to the county's one dollar and grant aid in any reasonable amount. He instructed the commissioners to get together, figure out what they could appropriate, and come to Austin and go before the commission and make their application.

The commissioners have been in session here this week, and have perfected their plans, and will go before the commission with a plea for \$50,000. In doing this the county will put up \$12,500, or one fourth as much as they call on the commission for. This will give the commissioners \$62,000 for road work in this county, and at a time when money will do the most good when turned loose among men who are ready to work on the roads.

"You can just say for us that the money will go to home men," said Commissioner Meadows, "for it will be our policy to employ home men in carrying on the work." There is little doubt but what the party of road boosters will get what they are going after, and it is expected that the work will be pushed just as rapidly as conditions will permit.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

POISON CIDER FOR BROWNWOOD BOOZERS

The grand jury at Brownwood has just adjourned and while only four indictments were returned, the body of investigators takes a pretty good rap at the booze peddlers. Following is an excerpt from the report made to Judge Woodward:

"We are glad to say that we to say that this is the greatest find less violations in this county than we have ever known before. We have been surprised at such few violations and pleased to know that most all the laws are being well enforced.

"We have found, however, on investigation that there are a few people in Brownwood who persist in selling cider that intoxicates or poisons and makes the drinker crazy. We have found it rather difficult to obtain evidence against such parties, as most of their customers try to shield them from the law. We do not hesitate to say that this is the greatest find less violations in this county than we have ever known before. We have been surprised at such few violations and pleased to know that most all the laws are being well enforced.

"We find that with the exception of those few cider sellers the bootlegging in this county is almost a thing of the past, and heartily commend the work of the officers in driving the bootleggers from our midst."

Drives Out Malaria, Builds Up System
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 60c

Mrs. Emma Nash returned from a visit to Andrews, Sunday. She was accompanied home by her father, Uncle Joe Routh, and his grand-daughter, Mrs. Aileen Aycock and baby. Uncle Joe says they have been having a great many West Texas rains out in his country.

DRILLING DEEP WELLS FOR OIL

(Brownwood Bulletin.)

They are now drilling in Brown and Coleman counties eight deep test wells, and the contracts are let for at least that many more. Coleman county has one deep well, brought in at 3300 feet and producing about 200 barrels a day. This well has never been drilled in, as the Magnolia Pet. Co., who owns the lease has been busy constructing a pipe line to Coleman to take care of the production.

A deep test well is under way at Santa Anna, Valera, Trickham, and two near Coleman, while Brown county has one just south of town, one near Grosvenor and one near Bangs.

Much interest is being manifested over the well at Bangs, as a good production of gas was found near the drilling site. The well is producing gas for the drilling, and is also furnishing Bangs gas for lighting and heating purposes. This gas is found at the shallow depth of 1160 feet. It is estimated that enough gas is available from this well to supply Brownwood, however it has been thought best not to pipe into Brownwood as a field might be located nearer, which would save considerable expense.

Several deep wells are to be drilled near Brownwood, and in the county, one being down several hundred feet on the Low place four and one-half miles south of town. Work will start constructing the derrick for the test well east of the Bayou, as soon as a car of rig timbers arrives, which has been on the road for the past month. The outlook is very flattering and if oil is anywhere in the county it will be found. No report is obtainable from the wells, being put down at Grosvenor and Owens, though it is understood that the work is advancing steadily.

MOVE OFFICE.

Dr. Thos. A. Rape will be glad to see you over Pearce Drug Store, Hours 8:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. (except Sunday. Phone 20. -74w

STATE FINDS MARKET FOR JACK RABBITS

State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas, Dec. 14.—The Jack rabbit, now a pest in many parts of the state, can be converted into a source of large revenue. Their meat is nutritious, savory, may be served in many ways and their pelts are in demand at satisfactory prices.

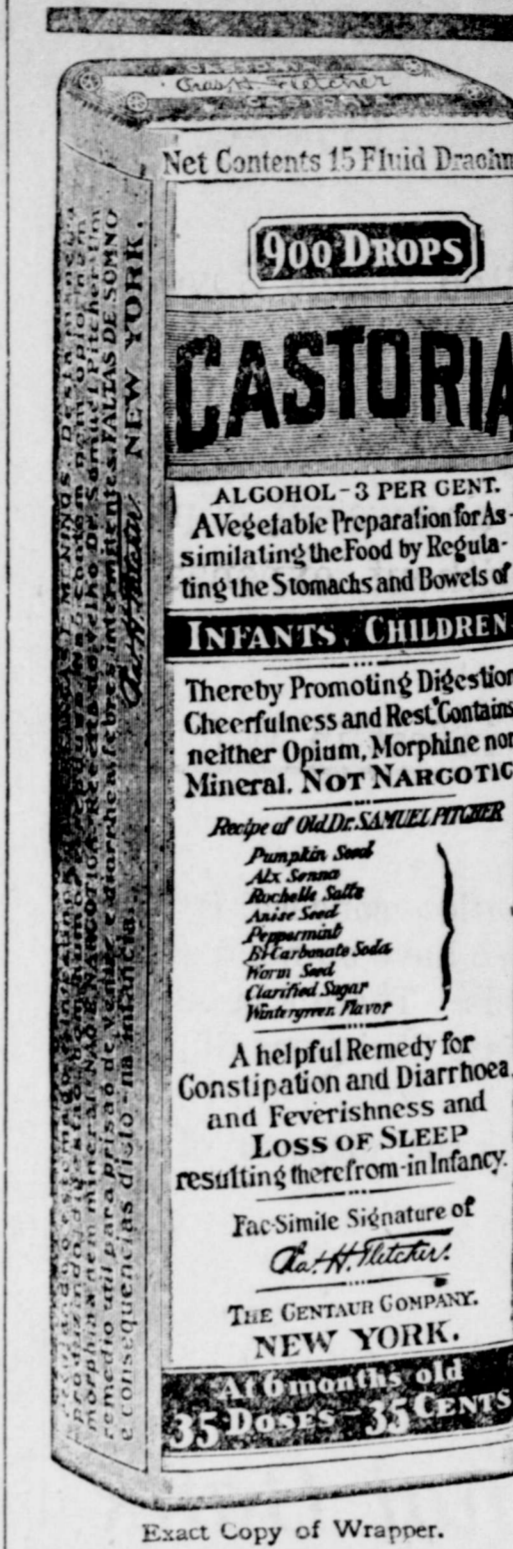
During the very high price of meat the use of rabbit meat will be economical both for local consumption and for shipment to northern and eastern markets.

They may be caught in large numbers on the plains by co-operative community drives and shipped in ear-load lots to cities to be sold direct to consumers or to be placed in cold storage for future use; or they may be caught or killed by individual hunters and shipped to smaller towns for immediate use.

The National Provision Company, 215 South 8th St., Waco, is in the market for both jack rabbits and cotton tails by the dozen or in ear-load lots. They give the following suggestion on how to dress, pack and ship rabbits:

If rabbits are caught in traps or pens, they should be killed by hitting them on the head behind the ears with a heavy stick. Next cut the jugular vein on each side of throat and hank the animal up, head down, to bleed. While bleeding you should proceed to dress it as follows: Remove the paunch and entrails by cutting a slit down the middle of the belly, beginning at the breast bone. Take out the paunch and entrails, but leave the lungs, heart liver and kidneys in place. Do not remove head, feet or skin. After dressing wipe out all blood with a damp cloth. Then let the carcass hang until the animal heat escapes and you are then ready to pack and ship. In warm weather use ice and ice-pack the same as fish. In cool weather pack in boxes with partitions or slats between each layer so that the air can circulate freely.

This Company writing under date of November 16, 1917, to Mr. E. W. Cole, Director of Markets, State Department of Agriculture,



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Former Ballinger Pastor Conducts Chinese Funeral
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 14.—Military courtesies, lacking only the firing of a final salute, were extended at the funeral here today of Wong Kee Chong, the first to die of the 527 Chinese refugees who left Mexico with General Pershing's troops last February. Wong, a Mason, was given a

Christian burial. The service was read by Chaplain E. R. Stanford of the Three Hundred and Forty-Fourth Field Artillery and the Nineteenth Infantry Band played the funeral march and taps. Wong's temporary burial was in the National cemetery here. Later the body will be sent to the Orient. His death was caused by heart disease.

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would constitute another good story for an Arabian Nights edition. Mr. Joines modestly admitted that today he could cash in for \$50,000, or in other words he had made in an average of \$5,000 a day for the past ten days. Not at all bad for a salesman that a few days ago was drawing down the wages of the average salesman.

This is but one illustration of the wonderful possibilities that have been brought about through the oil development now going on in the county. While there is possibly no other who has made the pronounced success that has Mr. Joines, it must be borne in mind that the development is in its infancy, and should deep oil be found, several Brownwood citizens will find themselves in the millionaire class.

There are a goodly number of our citizens who got into the game early who have made several thousand dollars, and indications are that several more who have become interested will realize nice profits.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Seed Oats.

For prices on strictly No. 2 Rust proof Oats, see J. H. Taylor, or phone number 3302 rural, or leave your order at The Ballinger State Bank & Trust Company. I can save you money. 3td-wf.

Wagons and Buggies at Cost.

We have a few more Wagons and Buggies that we will sell at Cost. Also Rubber and steel tired wheels, shafts and poles. Ballinger Saddle and Mfg. Co. 30-57w.

STATE GEOLOGIST WORKING HERE

J. W. Beede, of the department of economic geology and technology, of the State University, has been in this county several days, and is still here. Just what Mr. Beede's mission is we can not say, but here's hoping that we will be able to report an oil boom some time in the not far distant future. We need it in our business.

ECHOES FROM BROWNWOOD OIL FIELD

Dr. W. A. Gustavous, T. S. Lankford and Tom Gardner are among those from Ballinger who are feeling out the oil situation and watching the pumps operate in the Brownwood oil field.

W. A. Tally has been on the ground for a week, representing a Ballinger syndicate, and rumor has it that the syndicate is several thousand to the good.

Jess McAdams, a former Ballinger citizen, and who makes this territory for the Texas Company, with headquarters at Brownwood, is \$15,000 ahead of the oil game as a result of investments made since the boom struck the city.

Makes \$50,000 in Ten Days.
Two weeks ago C. M. Joines was representing a large manufacturer of tobacco, making headquarters in Brownwood, and incidentally covering the surrounding territory in the interest of his firm. About ten days ago he resigned his position, deciding to become an oil king. How well he has succeeded

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R. R. MOBILIZED FOR WINNING WAR

This has been called a railroad war. America's preparation for such a war is a greater railroad mileage than that of the entire continent of Europe, and a railroad army of 1,750,000 employees. Already the railroads, mobilized under their War Board at Washington, have won some important victories.

Up to November 12, the number of carloads of construction materials and furnishings brought into the National Army cantonments was 79,184. To the same date building supplies used in the Guard Camps amounted to 32,370 car loads; and 9,649 car loads had been shipped to the Aviation camps.

A standard box car of 100,000 pounds capacity is forty feet and six inches long. If all the cars carrying material for these three classes of camps could be coupled together, the train that would result would extend from New York to Chicago and on out to Evanston, Illinois.

That is a long train. It represents a great burden added on to the task accomplished by the railroads in the record-breaking year of 1916. But the carrying of construction materials to the cantonments is only a small part of the total increase in traffic for 1917.

After the camps had been built, the railroads had to move the men into them. They have also had to carry to the Atlantic seaboard, from all parts of the country, the men who have gone to France. Up to November 19th they had carried a total of 1,300,000 soldiers to camps and ports of embarkation.

And after the men have been moved, the railroads have to carry supplies to them. Every day 2,500 carloads of food and coal are being hauled to the National Guard and National Army camps alone.

Up to November 12, a total of 17,000 carloads of freight had been handled for the Shipping Board. This figure represents a part of the traffic involved by the building of 1,400 new ships. An enormously greater number of cars have rolled down to the Atlantic and Gulf ports loaded with supplies and munition for ships already built to carry to France and England and Italy.

All modern military and commercial activity is based on coal and oil—but especially on coal. No figures reveal more clearly the extent of the increased effort put forth in the last half year by America generally and by the railroads in particular than figures on the coal traffic.

In six months from May to October, inclusive, there were moved 150,000 more carloads of hard coal than in the same months of 1916,

and 751,000 more carloads of soft coal. Figuring an average coal car at a length of 33 feet, the total increase for half of 1917 over the corresponding half of 1916 may be represented by a solid trailroad of coal extending from New York, through New Orleans, to Los Angeles and on up the Coast to Seattle, and then East again to a point in Montana, 30 miles East of Butte.

The day is past when it was a good citizen's duty to fight the railroads. The railroads are doing their best on a tremendous job. The citizen can do part of his bit by helping them in any small way that he can.

APPOINTED DEPUTY FED. ADMINISTRATOR

B. C. Kirk received notice Thursday that he had been appointed deputy federal administrator for Runnels county, and he received instructions about how to proceed with his work and was called on for an early report.

Mr. Kirk is to report to the district administrator, H. O. Hooten, at Abilene, and his first work will be to investigate the fuel situation and report on the fuel condition here. He has been instructed to call on the fuel dealers and ascertain how much fuel they have on hand. That will be an easy job as the fuel famine is on.

Mr. Kirk will accept the appointment of course, and do his bit in keeping the home fires burning.

STORK VISITS TWIN SISTERS ON THANKSGIVING

At the beautiful country home near Hamilton, of County School Superintendent and Mrs. A. T. Jones on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday November 29th, at 4:30 o'clock, the kind old stork, left a precious gift, a handsome baby son. The happy young parents are the recipients of congratulations of a host of friends throughout the state, and on the calendar of the blissful years of their union, the past Thanksgiving will ever remain a truly red letter day.

And there is another part to this happy story. The stork flew on in his mission, and at 11:50 o'clock Thursday evening visited the home in Oglesby, Coryell county, of the twin sister of Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J. B. McKelvin, leaving there a healthful baby daughter.

Adding to the sentiment of the joyous blessings that have come to the lives of these charming young women, it will be remembered that their marriages were celebrated on the same evening. — Hamilton Record.

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Blanton's War Speech Cheered By Hundreds

Briefly leading up to the causes which brought America into the war, and pointing to the heinous and brutal crimes committed by the German government, and the ruthless breaking of all international treaties by the imperial monarchy, Congressman Thos. L. Blanton delivered an address at the Queen Theatre in Ballinger Wednesday morning that touched the hearts of five hundred people, one of the largest crowds ever to assemble in that house. Throughout the address Mr. Blanton was cheered to an echo, indicating that the large crowd was with him to a man.

Congressman Blanton began his address by saying it was not a political gathering, and that this was no time for politics. He stated that politics had been brushed aside at Washington and that both Democrats and Republicans were supporting the president in the great task now before the American people.

The speaker first pointed out the causes leading up to the war, and told of the great preparation Germany was making to wage a war of conquest and greed while the American people were either asleep, or busy making money and not dreaming of war. He told of the wonderful spy system perfected throughout this nation by the German government, and how that after everything had been made ready to unmask the awful war machines of the enemy the American flag was assaulted upon the high sea and in short order hundreds of American lives—innocent women and children were murdered by the submarine pirates working in the dark. He told how the Kaiser posed as the representative of God and how the 12,000,000 trained German troops had been taught that they were God's particular people and that they must destroy weaker nations in order that the Kaiser's kingdom might increase.

Congressman Blanton dwelt at length on the principles of civilized warfare, pointing out how every principle had been cast to four winds by the Germans and how the enemy had denied the right of other ships to sail the high seas.

"International law and civilized warfare does not train 16 inch guns on Red Cross Trains," said the speaker, "and shoot up hospitals where wounded soldiers are being cared for. Civilized warfare does not capture innocent women and carry them behind the enemy lines to be debauched by enemy soldiers."

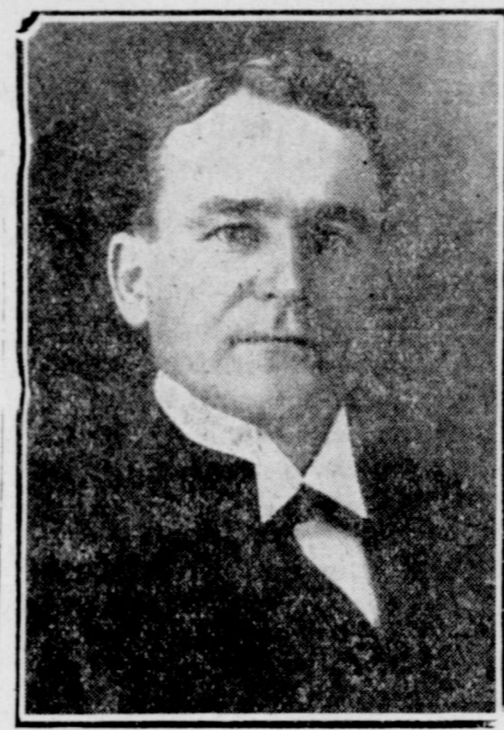
The speaker told how patiently President Wilson waited and how every effort was made to stay out of the war, but said that the time came, after every promise Germany had made had been broken, and the German warning given for all ships to stay out of the waters through which five-sixth of the grain, meat and cotton of this country passed.

"Our big hearted president kept out of it," said Mr. Blanton, until the time came when the Americans would have been branded as yellow dogs and cowards by every nation in the world."

The speaker told of the great ship destruction, stating that Germany had destroyed more than 1200 ships of neutral nations, and killed 1152 Americans before we entered the war, broke every promise made and shot into the side of the Lusitania, killing fourteen hundred innocent people, and shot the ship the second time and watched the struggling women and children drown without offering aid.

After picturing the enemy in the most brutal terms, Congressman Blanton told how the Germans had said that the United States could not afford to go to war with the imperial nation as there were five hundred thousand Germans in America and that these would remain true to Germany, and to which threat Ambassador Gerard answered by saying that there were five hundred thousand telephone poles waiting to hang such enemies in this country, the speaker stated that the Germans in this country were not the enemies the government had to deal with, but charged the socialist class as being responsible for trouble at home.

Mr. Blanton told how every representative in congress except Miles London, the New York socialist representative, voted for the war measures and how this man stated that he could not be true to his party and support the American flag. He also told of how every man in the joint ses-



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sion assembled to hear the president's war message, including diplomats from other countries, supreme judges and citizens stood up when the president entered the hall, except one LaFollette. It was to this class of citizens that Congressman Blanton paid his respects in no uncertain terms. He stated that a man had a perfect right to be a socialist, or of any other political faith, so long as he was true to the American flag, but that if his party affiliations prevent him from being true to his country's flag, he should be dealt with as a traitor.

"If America had not called Germany's hand when she did," said the speaker, "Germany would soon have had England and France on her knees and instead of sending our boys to France we would soon have been trying to check millions of German soldiers pouring into this country over the Canadian and Mexican border, and then our homes would have been in ashes and our women and children slaughtered and outraged like the people of Serbia, Belgium and bleeding Northern France."

"This government has been charged with wasting money to get ready for the war," said Mr. Blanton. "Of course we have wasted money because we had to do things hurriedly to save our nation from German rule and tyranny. We had to act quick or within 60 or 90 days Germany would have been in charge of both England and France and with her naval strength increased would have been coming to our own fair land to debauch and destroy the greatest nation on earth."

Congressman Blanton told of the wonderful progress made in getting ready for the war, regardless of opposition. He pointed to the fact that the United States had transported more than 600,000 American troops to Europe without the loss of a single one. This statement brought forth perhaps the most hearty cheer and greatest demonstration of any made during the speaking.

Mr. Blanton appealed to the people to help the Red Cross, help the Y. M. C. A. war work, closing his address by telling what both of these organizations meant to the soldiers on the front. He said the American people must sacrifice their sons, their time, and their money, and he criticized those who were not ready to do their bit most severely, saying that the man who eats meat on a meatless day should be punished by God causing the meat to remain in the man's stomach undigested.

Congressman Blanton did not refer to politics except to say that his attention had been called to an insult aimed at him from Brownwood Chamber of Commerce. He had fixed a date to speak at Brownwood, at the request of a friend, and the Chamber of Commerce had taken the matter up and sent him an insulting telegram advising him to stay at Washington and attend to his own business. The Dallas News carried an account of the insulting telegram sent to Mr. Blanton and his attention was called to it after he reached Ballinger, and at the same time the message boy handed him a telegram from the mayor and citizens of Santa Anna requesting him to cancel his Brownwood date and speak at Santa Anna instead, if Brownwood did not want him.

In referring to the Brownwood insult, Congressman Blanton stated that he would speak at other places on the same day he was scheduled to speak at Brownwood and to fill the engagements he would have to travel 116 miles, and that just because Chas. Jen-

kins wanted to run for Congress, the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce had sent him an insulting telegram.

"That bunch did not have sense enough to know that Congress had adjourned, and that instead of making this campaign in the interest of the country I could be at home in Washington with my family and having a good time," said Mr. Blanton. I have pledged to the president that my district would do its bit in this war, and I am here to bring a message that will wake the people up and cause them to realize just what kind of an enemy we are fighting, paying my own expenses, robbing myself of the pleasure of being at home during the holidays and while congress is not in session, traveling both day and night and making three, four and five speeches each day." This was the only reference made to politics and the way in which the congressman handled the Brownwood matter was repented to with a hearty applause.

Congressman Blanton left Abilene at five o'clock Wednesday morning, coming to Ballinger in an auto. He accepted an invitation to address the high school pupils after arriving in Ballinger, and accompanied by friends he was carried to the high school building where he talked for thirty minutes. Coming direct from the high school building Congressman Blanton went to the Queen Theatre, where he was introduced by Scott H. Mack, and pitched into a two hours' address without delay.

After speaking here Mr. Blanton hurriedly went to Paint Rock where he was billed to speak at one-thirty, and from Paint Rock he goes to Eden and speaks at four o'clock this afternoon and from that place to Junction, speaking at Junction at eight o'clock tonight, making five speeches for the day and a travel of more than 150 miles. He says he will spend the entire holiday week in this district speaking in counties in his old district which will not be in the district when the next election is held and will return to Washington in time to answer roll call when congress convenes.

Congressman Blanton said that he regretted that he did not have time to tarry longer in Ballinger and meet his friends, but that he was pressed for time, and desired to get his war message before as many people as possible. He thanked the people of Ballinger for the splendid hearing given him here, and left for Paint Rock with his pockets full of apples, not taking time to get a lunch after his Ballinger speech.

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Has been used for all ailments that are caused by a disordered stomach and inactive liver, such as sick headache, constipation, sour stomach, nervous indigestion, fermentation of food, palpitation of the heart caused by gases in the stomach. **August Flower** is a gentle laxative, regulates digestion both in stomach and intestines, cleans and sweetens the stomach and alimentary canal, stimulates the liver to secrete the bile and impurities from the blood. 25 and 75 cent bottles. Sold by J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Ballinger News Good News.

W. B. Wood is in receipt of a letter from his son Diaz, in which the young man says he is finding army life pretty well to his liking, and so far is satisfied with his work. Diaz volunteered a short time ago, enlisting in the 21st Field Artillery band. He was fortunate in getting in the band with other Ballinger boys. He says he did not know how to appreciate the old home paper until he got away from home, and now he looks for the paper with anxiety, and everything in it is news to him.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given of the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Ballinger, Texas, to be held at the office of said Bank, on Tuesday January 8, 1918 at the hour of 3:00 p. m., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year and to attend to such other business as may come before the meeting.

H. Giesecke, President. 21-2tw.

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WANTED—Farms, ranches or city property to sell or exchange. I make a specialty of equitable exchanges. T. A. Tidwell. 11-d&w2-pd

WANTED—Sacks wanted; highest market price. I. O. Wooden. 3-d&w4t.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Dwarf kaffir corn seed, three to six weeks earlier than other kaffir, price 7 1-2 cents per pound. Phone 5802. Pat Mapes, Pony, Texas. 15-6d,3w

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FOR TRADE—Desirable tract good agricultural and fruit land, improvements, part under plow in East Texas. Located near railroad town, school and churches. Will trade for two sections of smooth well located agricultural and grazing land in Taylor, Runnels, Brown or Nolan counties. E. W. Cole, Austin, Texas. 3twpd.

LOANS

MONEY TO LOAN—5, 7 or 10 years, with all kinds options in repaying. Lee Maddox. 17-ftw

TRESPASS NOTICES.

Posted. My pasture on Mustang creek is posted. I warn all parties trespassing on said land for the purpose of hunting, fishing, or hauling wood to keep out. Mrs. Mary Spreen. 27-6td8w

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance governing the disposition of dead animals, having the same removed to the city dumping grounds, regulating fees to be charged by City for burying same and providing penalties for violations of same.

Be it ordained by the city commission of the city of Ballinger, Texas:

Sec. 1. Every person, firm, corporation, or association of persons, owning or controlling any horses, cattle, mules, sheep, goats, hogs, dogs, jacks, jennets or other animals and, same should die within the limits of said city of Ballinger, shall immediately remove or cause to be removed the dead animal to the city dumping grounds, as provided and designated by ordinance.

Sec. 2. Every person, firm, corporation or association of persons shall pay the said city of Ballinger for services for burying said dead animal on said dumping ground, a fee of \$1.00 for every horse, mule, jack, jennet, hog, sheep, and goat, thereon so disposed.

Sec. 3. Any person, firm, corporation and manager thereof or association of persons, who shall fail or refuse, immediately to remove or cause to be removed any dead animal, enumerated in section One of this ordinance, owned or controlled by him, it or them, and who shall fail or refuse immediately to pay or cause to be paid the said fee of \$1.00 to the said city of Ballinger, shall upon conviction be fined in any sum not exceeding \$10.00.

There being no ordinance now covering the burying and fees relating to dead animals, this ordinance shall take effect, from and after its passage, approval and publication more than one reading, expressly disposed with. 3td.

FAST DRIVERS COLLIDE WITH TRUCK

A couple of young men, driving a high stepper to a new rubber tire buggy, collided with the T. J. McCaughn freight truck at the intersection of Seventh Street and Hutchings Ave. late Tuesday afternoon. The truck was loaded and was coming into Hutchings from Seventh Street and the parties in the buggy were coming up Hutchings and claim they did not see the truck until it was too late to check the horse. The horse struck the front of the truck, turning the buggy over and throwing the two young men out. After running a block with the overturned buggy the horse stopped, but not until he had damaged the new buggy and injured his heels. No one was hurt in the wreck.

R. J. Queen of the Winter country, had business in Ballinger Tuesday, making the return trip on Brooks fast jitney line.